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## *U.S. SENATOR*

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### **STATEMENT BY SENATOR CHAFEE ON THE PASSAGE OF THE ENERGY BILL**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee issued the following statement following the passage of H.R. 6, The Energy policy Act of 2005:

“Although there is a long way to go in reforming America’s energy policy, this legislation does begin to address major issues facing America today. This bipartisan compromise will move the Nation’s economy forward while putting provisions in place to reduce energy consumption and preserve our environment.

I was especially pleased to support tax incentives for hybrid automobiles, energy efficient appliances and homes. In addition, the bill will provide increased support for renewable sources of energy over the next ten years. I am also encouraged by provisions calling for the phasing out of the gasoline additive MTBE, and also the elimination of the oxygen content requirement for reformulated gasoline.

Furthermore, I support authorizing grants and loans to states for assistance in retrofitting diesel vehicles, such as buses and commercial trucks. This provision will reduce diesel emissions, resulting in cleaner air.”

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